[Mr. T. Kumara Pillai]

Mr. Ramakrishna Aiyar had stated in a conference that corruption was rampant in the department?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The deposition of Mr. Van Ross is not before the Government.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Has it not been reported in newspapers?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The report was to the effect that Mr. Ramakrishna Aiyar spoke about corruption, but not that it was rampant—

PRESIDENT: Mr. Van Ross's deposition is not before the Government, and it is only after seeing the authorised version that anything can be said in regard to its contents.

Morale of the Excise Department.

32. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(i) whether they are aware that there is a strong feeling in the country that corruption and other malpractices are rampant in the Excise Department; and

(ii) whether they are aware that, in the recent Excise Conference held in the Excise Commissioner's office, under the presidency of the Excise Commissioner, for concerting measures for the improvement of the Excise Department, one of the senior Second Grade Excise Commissioners stated that, under the present system, no officer of the department was free from corruption, and that, as such, the whole system should be overhauled?

(*b*) Will they be pleased to state whether the Excise Commissioner has forwarded the detailed minutes of the conference and the written memoranda submitted by some of the Assistant Excise Commissioners, and, if not, will they be pleased to call for them and examine the same along with the proposals submitted by the Excise Commissioner, and refer those memoranda to the Excise Committee appointed to examine the proposals of the Commissioner?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to question No. 31.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): ഷാപ്പു ലേലത്തിനു മിസ്റ്റർ വാൻറാസ തെക്കൻ തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലേക്കു പോയപ്പോൾ വടശ്ശേരി ഷാപ്പു ന്യായപ്രകാരം ലേലം നടത്തീട്ടില്ല എന്നു ഗവർൺമെൻറിനു പരാതി കിട്ടീട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel* cum *Vilavankod*): അങ്ങനെ പരസ്യമായി നടക്കുന്ന ലേലം കൂട്ടുതൽ തുകയ്ക്കു വിളികൊള്ളുന്ന

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വക്കു കൊടുക്കാതെ ഇരുന്നിട്ടുള്ളതിനു വല്ല ദിഷ്ടാന്തവും പറയാമൊ?

PRESIDENT: How does that arise out of your question?

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): Yes, it arises. In the answer it is stated that corruption and other malpractices are rampant. This is also included in that.

PRESIDENT: You put a question and the member in charge has claimed notice.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): That is on another point. I am putting a different question now.

PRESIDENT: What is it?

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): ഞാൻ ദിഷ്ടാന്തസഹിതം പറയാം. ൨൦,൦൫൦ രൂപായ്ക്കു ഒരാൾ വിളികേൾക്കുന്നു. അയാൾക്കു കൊടുക്കാതെ ൨൦,൦൦൦ രൂപായ്ക്കു വിളികേൾക്കുന്ന ഒരാൾക്കു ലെലംസ്ഥിരപ്പെടുത്തീട്ടുള്ളതായി ഏതെങ്കിലും ദിഷ്ടാന്തങ്ങൾ പറയാമൊ?

PRESIDENT: You need not give examples. Please put a definite question.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): അങ്ങനെയുള്ള പരാതികൾ ഉണ്ടൊ? അതായതു് ഒരുലേലത്തിൽ ൨൦,൦൫൦ രൂപായ്ക്കു് ഒരുഷാപ്പു് ഏടുക്കാൻ ഒരാൾ തയാറാകുമ്പോൾ അയാൾക്കു കൊടുക്കാതെ ൨൦,൦൦൦ രൂപായ്ക്കു കൊടുത്തതായി ദിഷ്ടാന്തം പറയാമൊ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): അതിനെ അന്വേഷിക്കാൻ ഗവർണ്മെൻറിനു ദയവുണ്ടാകുമൊ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): അന്വേഷിക്കാം.

Resolutions and Interpellations on Excise and Medical Departments.

33. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of resolutions and interpellations relating to the Excise and Medical Departments, respectively, received by them since the new Council was formed;

(*b*) the number admitted and the number disallowed;

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